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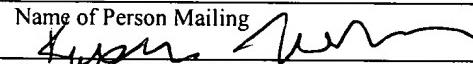
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Enclosed for filing in the above-identified patent application, please find the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply to Office Action mailed April 8, 2003;
2. Appendix A;
3. Petition for Extension of Time;
4. Check in the amount of \$475.00 for the requisite fee; and
5. Return Post Card.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in the total fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 25436/1490. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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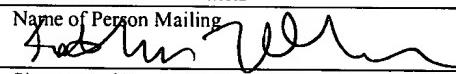
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 8, 2003, in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fees are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks.